REFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

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IN RE: EXEMPPLICATION OF UNITED TELEPHONE-SOUTHEAST, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE INTERLATA, INTEREXCHANGE TELEPHONE SERVICE.

DOCKET NO.: 9

96-01235

PETITION OF AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL STATES, INC. FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc. ("AT&T"), pursuant to T.C.A. 4-5-310, petitions the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority") to grant it leave to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding and participate as its interests may appear and for grounds states that:

- 1. United Telephone-Southeast, Inc. ("United") filed an application on August 9, 1996, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide interLATA, interexchange telephone service within the State of Tennessee.
- 2. AT&T is a Delaware corporation duly qualified to do business in Tennessee, holding a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to provide intraLATA, intraexchange and interexchange services, and interLATA, interexchange telecommunications services in the State of Tennessee. The rates and charges for services available to or purchased by AT&T from United may be affected by the outcome of this proceeding. The outcome may also affect the rates, charges and service offerings of AT&T and, thus, may determine legal

rights and duties of AT&T. AT&T is both a customer of, and a potential competitor to, the applicant.

- 3. The interest of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of this proceeding will not be impaired by allowing this intervention.
- 4. AT&T seeks to intervene and participate in this proceeding as its interests may appear.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner prays that:

- 1. An order be entered allowing AT&T to intervene and participate in this proceeding as its interests may appear and to receive copies of any notices, orders or other documents filed herein; and
- 2. The Petitioner have such other further and general relief as the justice of its cause may entitle it to receive.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, John Knox Walkup, hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Petition and Proposed Order have been served on the following parties of record by depositing a copy of the same in the U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to them, this 30th day of August, 1996.

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